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For : PUNCHING TOOL PROVIDED WITH TOOL IDENTIFICATION MEDIUM
AND PUNCH PRESS PROVIDED WITH A TOOL IDENTIFICATION
MEDIUM READER

INTERVIEW SUMMARY AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 13, 2007, in which a three month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on March 13, 2008, , the period for response having been extended by the concurrent submission of a Request for one-month Extension of Time to expire on April 14, 2008 (April 13, 2008 falling on a Sunday), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection, and an indication of the allowability of all the claims pending in the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.